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SUMMARY: IN DAKAR VISIT, MPLA REPRESENTATIVE BIRES REAFFIRMED INTENTION TO PROCLAIM INDEPENDENCE AND SAID MOVEMENT WOULD FIGHT UNTIL IMPERIALIST AGENTS (FNLA AND UNITA) WERE LIQUIDATED. MPLA HAD SENT DELEGATIONS TO ALL AFRICAN STATES EXCEPT ZAIRE AND THOSE WITH WHITE-CONTROLLED GOVERNMENTS, AND "SEVERAL" COUNTRIES WOULD SUPPORT MPLA GOVERNMENT. ANGOLANS COULD RESOLVE SITUATION WITHOUT ACCEPTING TROOPS FROM GUINEA, CONGO OR UGANDA. SENEGALESE URGED ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS TO UNITE. END SUMMARY.

1. DELEGATION LED BY GARCIA BIRES, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MPLA POLITICAL BUREAU, LEFT DAKAR FOR BAMAKO NOV. 5 AFTER MEETING WITH SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER DIOUF AND GIVING NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW WHICH APPEARED IN NOV. 5 LE SOLEIL. PRESS INDICATED BIRES CARRIED MESSAGE FROM AGOSTINHO NETO. BIRES SAID MPLA HAD SENT DELEGATIONS TO ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES EXCEPT ZAIRE, RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA
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TO INFORM CHIEFS OF STATE OF POLITICO-MILITARY SITUATION

IN ANGOLA.

IN INTERVIEW, BIRES SAID IT CERTAIN THAT MPLA WOULD PROCLAIM INDEPENDENCE, WITH OR WITHOUT PORTUGUESE AGREEMENT. HE CLAIMED MPLA CONTROLLED 12 OF 16 ANGOLAN PROVINCES AND AFFIRMED THAT "SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES" WERE GOING TO SUPPORT MPLA GOVERNMENT.

3. BIRES WAS QUOTED AS ASSERTING THAT FNLA AND UNITA WERE PAWNS IN IMPERIALIST DESIGN TO IMPLANT WHITE RACIST REGIME IN ANGOLA. FNLA AND UNITA NEVER RESPECTED ALVOR AND OTHER ACCORDS DUE TO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. FNLA AND UNITA HAD NOW FORMED TACTICAL ALLIANCE TO FIGHT MPLA TOGETHER, BUT MPLA WOULD FIGHT THEM AS IT FOUGHT COLONIALISTS AND WOULD CONTINUE WAR UNTIL AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM WERE TOTALLY LIQUIDATED. THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF UNITA OR FNLA PARTICIPATING IN MPLA GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH MPLA DID NOT HAVE INTENTION OF MONOPOLIZING POWER AND MIGHT ACCEPT PARTICIPATION BY "PROGRESSIVE AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES" OUTSIDE MPLA.

4. IN RESPONSE TO JOURNALISTS QUESTION ON REPORTED OFFERS MADE BY UGANDA, GUINEA AND CONGO TO SEND TROOPS TO HELP MPLA CONTAIN "SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION," BIRES REPORTEDLY STATED MPLA OPPOSED TO ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN PARTICIPATION, AND BELIEVED ANGOLANS COULD RESOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS.

5. NEWSPAPER REPORT INDICATED GOS PRIME MINISTER DIOUF USED OCCASION OF MEETING WITH BIRES TO EXHORT ONCE MORE THAT RIVAL ANGOLAN PARTIES UNITE TO ASSUME INDEPENDENCE IN BEST CIRCUMSTANCES.
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